

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

Regarding claims 5 and 15 that are directed to the actuator comprising an antenna, FIGS. 1-4 illustrate embodiments of an actuator that, especially when fully extended, may function as an antenna. In such embodiments, the actuator and the antenna are one and the same, and no further illustration is necessary.

Regarding claims 6 and 16 that are directed to the actuator comprising a surgical device, the Patent Statute at 35 U.S.C. § 113 states that an “applicant shall furnish a drawing where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented.” The Applicant respectfully submits that a drawing is not necessary to understand that the actuator may have attached to it some type of surgical device. One of skill in the art would know how to make such an attachment, and the means of such attachment in and of itself is not part of the disclosed invention. Rather, this embodiment is directed to the combination of the actuator and a surgical device, irrespective of the means of attachment. Consequently, a drawing illustrating such an attachment is not necessary.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings is in error, and further respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.